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U.S. ASSIGNMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and of other good and valuable consideration paid to the undersigned inventor(s) (hereinafter ASSIGNOR) by
SUMITOMO METAL MINING CO., LTD.

(Insert ASSIGNEE's
Name(s) Address(es))

11-3, Shimbashi 5-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8716, Japan

(hereinafter ASSIGNEE), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned
ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the entire and exclusive right, title
and interest to the invention entitled:

(Title of Invention)

FINE NICKEL POWDER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

(*If the assignment is
being filed after the
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application, this
section must be
completed)

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was executed on even date herewith
unless otherwise indicated below:

* filed on **November 4, 2005**, Serial No. **11/266,495**.

(Armstrong, Kratz, Quintos, Hanson & Brooks, LLP is hereby authorized to insert the serial
code, serial number and/or filing date hereon, when known)

and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefor on said application or any
continuation, divisional, substitute, reissue or reexamination thereof for the full term or terms for
which the same may be granted.

The ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any
continuation, divisional, reissue or reexamination applications thereof and also to execute separate
assignments in connection with such applications as the ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or
expedient.

The ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference,
litigation, or other legal proceeding which may be declared concerning this application or any
continuation, divisional, reissue or reexamination thereof or Letters Patent or reissue patent issued
thereon and to cooperate with the ASSIGNEE in every way possible in obtaining and producing
evidence and proceeding with such interference, litigation, or other legal proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned inventor(s) has (have) affixed his/her/their signature(s).

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